

A Love Affair Nipped in the Bud.

A good story is going the rounds about a young Main street merchant who spent a week in St. Louis recently. While in the city he attended a matinee at Havlin's in company with another young man. He occupied a seat next to a swell West End society girl. With him it was a case of love at first sight. He confidently informed his friend that he was going to make a dash, and straightway proceeded to try. After vain attempts to engage her in conversation, which proved futile, he "accidentally" knocked her fan from her hand, which he picked up and returned to her in his usual graceful manner, with profuse apologies. Finding his advances met with a very cool reception he resolved, like the Spartan of old, to do or die. Finding a blank space on his programme, he wrote the following, feeling sure that when his business standing became known the young lady's reserve would melt away: "My name is—of Cape Girardeau, Mo., of which place I am a well known and rising merchant. I crave the honor of your acquaintance, trusting that it may ripen into a sweet and tender friendship." After debating the subject with himself for two acts of the play, he finally found his courage rising to the task of presenting the programme to the young lady. After reciting it she broke into a disdainful laugh, and beneath where he had written she wrote: "It is utterly impossible." The Cape Girardeau young man was "utterly" crushed and took the next train for home. Since he arrived he has confided to several friends that he prefers Cape Girardeau girls to St. Louis girls, as the latter don't know a good thing when they see it.

Three Doctors in Consultation.

From Benjamin Franklin. "When you are sick, what you like best is to be chosen for a medicine in the first place; what experience tells you is best, to be chosen in the second place; what reason (i.e. Theory) says is best is to be chosen in the last place. But if you can get Dr. Inclination, Dr. Experience and Dr. Reason to hold a consultation together, they will give you the best advice that can be taken. When you have a bad cold Dr. Inclination would recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy because it is pleasant and safe to take. Dr. Experience would recommend it because it never fails to effect a speedy and permanent cure. Dr. Reason would recommend it because it is prepared on scientific principles, and acts on nature's plan in relieving the lungs, opening the secretions and restoring the system to a natural and healthy condition. For sale by I. Ben Miller.

Bishop and Patriot.

Bishop Fowler of the Methodist Church, in a Chicago interview last week, said: "The three great missionary movements of the Christian era are: 'First, the conversion of St. Paul, which opened the way to the Gentiles; second, the firing on Fort Sumpter, which made the great Anglo-Saxon race fit for use; and third, the blowing up of the Maine, which sent us out into the world to distribute the truth.'" Bishop Fowler is neither a religious traitor nor a traitor to his country.—Iowa State Register.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25c per box. For sale by I. Ben Miller, druggist.

Many Pettigrews.

Senator Walcott's photograph of Senator Pettigrew is a most striking likeness of the representative of that class of people who, not having been successful themselves, view with suspicion those people whose lives have been crowned with success. There are many Pettigrews in this world, so many that nearly every community is afflicted with one or more, greatly to its disadvantage.—Exchange.

A Queer (r) Medicine.

There is a Medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skillful physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure.

Roberts is Doomed.

Roberts, of Utah, will not be allowed to take a seat in the House of Representatives. This is made plain by the action of the special committee which has been investigating his case. The committee finds that he is living with three wives. This fact was brought out by the examination of witnesses, at which Roberts himself was present, and whom he cross-examined, but, as the committee states, Roberts "declined to place himself on the witness stand." The entire committee certifies to this fact, but it is divided on the course which the House ought to have taken. Six members of the committee indorse the action of the House in halting Roberts at the door. Two members—Littlefield, of Maine, and De Armond, of Missouri—say Roberts should have been admitted and then expelled. It is probable, however, that the Utah man will have about as little interest in this point of detail as a man condemned to the gallows would have in the question as to whether the inquest should be held on him immediately before execution or immediately afterward. Roberts' ultimate fate would be the same in either case. When the matter comes up for action in the House next Tuesday that chamber will undoubtedly accept the committee's findings and keep Roberts out.

This decision ought to have a vital interest for Utah. It will shut out known polygamists from nomination for Congress by any party. The committee says that polygamy was publicly charged against Roberts in Utah during the campaign in which he was elected, and it was not denied by him. It is pretty safe to predict that this defiance of the public opinion of the country will not be repeated. The precedent which is going to be established by the Roberts case will undoubtedly stand Persons publicly charged with polygamy, if elected to Congress, will be stopped at the door until investigation is made, and then if the charge be sustained they will be kept out. Utah has a law against polygamy. The course of the House of Representatives will constrain the people of that state to take especial pains to enforce it, particularly against men who are ambitious to go to Congress. Until a new choice is made by Utah that state will be unrepresented in the popular branch of the National Legislature.—Globe-Democrat.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houston, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system, is frequently used, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at W. H. Coerver. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

Leo Doyle Passes Away.

Leo Doyle died at his home in this city, Jan. 24th, 1900, aged 66 years, 7 months and 9 days. Mr. Doyle had been confined to his bed only about two days and nobody knew that he was dangerously ill. The news of his sudden and unexpected death was such as the friends of the good man were unprepared to receive and many there are whose heads bowed down in grief when the announcement went out: "Leo Doyle is dead!"

We will publish an appropriate obituary notice as soon as we can gather information for same.

Smoker's Heart-Burn.

Heart-burn from excessive smoking, or from any other cause, is relieved by the first dose of No. 10, Dr. Humphreys' Specific for Dyspepsia. 25c—all druggists.

Homes for Boys Wanted.

We have on hand a very fine lot of boys of all ages from one month to twelve years of age. We are putting them out in carefully selected homes. They are placed on three months trial. All it costs to get one is the transportation. References required. For terms address Rev. David Gay, 810 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., State Superintendent of the Children's Home Society.

Hunt's Cure

Cures all skin diseases in all its various forms. No internal treatment necessary. Failing money returned to purchaser.

BRITTONS GUESSING.

Spion Kop's Capture Causes Relief, Then Anxiety.

Former derived from advantage gained by Warren

Latter Due to Buller's Reference to "Considerable Casualties."

LONDON, January 25th—[Copyright, 1900, by the Tribune Company.]—Buler belated message announcing the capture of Spion Kop by Warren came as a heroic relief to the intensely strained nerves of the British people. It gave the people at home fresh courage to know that Warren was of the opinion that he had rendered the Boers' position untenable.

At the same time they read two previous sentences of Buller's message, those relating to heavy attacks by the Boers, their annoying shell fire, the dangerous wounding of Gen. Woodgate, who has since died, and fear that British casualties were considerable, with serious misgivings. Nor has any later message been given out by the War Office of a reassuring nature.

The fact that one of Buller's columns has succeeded in taking Spion Kop is only one small item in the vast undertaking before him.

The Boers have been fighting stubbornly for six days now. If their forces at Spion Kop and opposite Lyttelton's position is the main Boer army and their are no more available re-enforcements without weakening the investment of Ladysmith or taking men from Colenso and baring the defenses of the Tugela, then it is considered that Buller has good grounds for anticipating a retreat from Spion Kop.

It crosses all the roads from the present British positions to Ladysmith and is over three miles long from the positions of the Boer circle of investment, but if the Boers defending this line are driven back on the investing line, they would be between two fires, Buller and White.

The alternative, of course, would be for the Boers to fall back from Spion Kop plateau to the range of hill north of Blaauwbank to Spruitrange, parallel to and probably commanding the road to Acton Homes and Ladysmith.

As to Pettigrew.

"If I were a Filipino," shouted Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota. "I would fight until I was gray against this policy of criminal aggression." There is no use to talk about what might have been in the case of Pettigrew. To think that destiny might have cast his nativity in the Philippines would only be to tantalize the imagination. Pettigrew was born in the United States and he is in the senate, and the country will have to make the best of it.

If Pettigrew had, however, come into the world on the other side of the globe and were now a native resident of the island of Luzon it would be more becoming in him to fight the United States, even until he was gray, than to stand up and knock it as one of its chosen representatives in congress. Aguinaldo is not a wholly admirable figure, but he is entitled to vastly more respect than the American who insists on hauling down the flag of his country. Whether Pettigrew would fight the United States' policy of "criminal aggression" if he were a Filipino is somewhat problematical. It is certain he would not be called upon to perform any such service until he was gray, for, unless Pettigrew is much older than he talks, the Philippines will be a settled, peaceful portion of the United States long before there are any silver threads in the hair of the South Dakota Senator.

Besides, if Pettigrew, as a Filipino, were not more loyal and patriotic than he is as an American, he wouldn't fight anything for even a mizette.—Kansas City Star.

Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 25 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, fells, corns, skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by I. Ben Miller, druggist.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on I. Ben Miller, druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

The Weather Calendar.

One of the best calendars of the season is the "Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar for 1900," published by the Chattanooga Medicine Company, the manufacturers of McKee's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black Draught. The DEMOCRAT has just received one from the publishers, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x20 inches in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop hanger. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across any room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. De Voe's Weather Forecasts for every day in the year appear. The moon's changes and legal holidays are also shown. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending 10 one-cent postage stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Working Night and Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by I. Ben Miller.

Republican State Committee.

Chairman T. J. Akins has called a meeting of the Republican State Committee for Saturday, February 10, at the Lindell Hotel, in St. Louis, when the time and place for holding the next State convention will be decided. The call which has been sent out is as follows:

Headquarters Republican State Committee, Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., January 22, 1900.—Dear Sir: You are hereby notified that a meeting of the Republican State Committee will be held Saturday, February 10, 1900, at parlor 22, Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., sharp, for the purposes herein named:

1. To determine the time and place of holding the next State convention.
2. To determine the basis of representation in said convention.
3. To determine the number of conventions.
4. To consider any and all questions of party interest not above enumerated.

Your presence is earnestly requested. Respectfully,

T. J. AKINS, Chairman.

A. F. SHERRER, Secretary.

The Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by I. Ben Miller.

An Act of Magnanimity.

It is a mistake to suppose that all men who are the fortunate possessors of a fat bank account are heartless oppressors of the poor. Have no feeling of humanity, etc. Millionaire Shannon of Pittsburg was at a New York hotel the other night and discovered a young man under the bed in his room. Mr. Shannon hauled him out and the man confessed that he had come there for the purpose of robbery. He was turned over to the police and later Mr. Shannon called at the jail and had a talk with him. During the conversation he was impressed with the fact that the young man was not a criminal and that misfortune had caused him to attempt the robbery. He declined to appear in the court against him, the prisoner was released, and it is stated that Mr. Shannon will arrange to give him employment and if he shows he is worthy he will be given a start in life.—Ex.

How Unpleasant.

It is to see a beautiful child's face disfigured with vile humors, bursting through the skin pimples, blotches and sores, and sadder still, when the young and innocent are laughed at and twitted in all such cases. Parents should give them that good and pure remedy, Sulphur Bitters, which will search and drive out of the blood every particle of humor.—Health Gazette.

Political Buncombe.

Congressman Shackelford has introduced a bill to place wood pulp and newspaper on the free list. It is only a characteristic bit of buncombe. The tariff now on the pulp varies from one-twelfth to one-fourth of a cent a pound when dry, instead of ten percent as it was under the Wilson law. On newspaper it is three-tenths of a cent a pound now, instead of 15 percent, as it was under the former law. The bill is entirely unnecessary. The manufacture and price of paper will adjust themselves to the demand and conditions like everything else. If the price of paper is too high and its manufacture more profitable than it should be there is no power that can prevent the establishment of other plants "to fight the trusts" just as well in our own country as to yield free competition to foreigners. That is the case all along the line of manufacturing industries.—Lockwood Times.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at W. H. Coerver, will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries. ma20n5

Roberts Committee Reports.

The special committee appointed to investigate the case of Brigham Roberts of Utah, the recently elected polygamist congressman, made the following report Wednesday:

We find that B. H. Roberts was elected as a representative to the Fifty-sixth Congress from the State of Utah, and was at the date of his election above the age of 25 years; that he has been for more than seven years a naturalized citizen of the United States and was an inhabitant of the State of Utah.

We further find that about 1878 he married Louisa Smith, his first and lawful wife, with whom he has since lived as such, and who, since their marriage, has borne him six children. About 1885 he married as his plural wife Celia Dibble, with whom he has ever since lived as such, and who, since such marriage, has borne him six children, of which the last was twins, born August 11, 1897.

That some years after his marriage to Celia Dibble he contracted another plural marriage with Margaret C. Shipp, with whom he has ever since lived in the habit and repute of marriage.

Your committee is unable to fix the date of this marriage. It does not appear that he held her out as his wife before January 1, 1897, or that before that date she held him out as her husband, or that before that date they were reputed to be husband and wife.

That these facts were generally known in Utah, publicly charged against him during the campaign for election and were not denied by him.

That the testimony bearing on these facts was taken in the presence of Mr. Roberts, and that he fully cross-examined the witnesses but declined to place himself on the witness stand.

Rev. C. F. Brooks

says that his little girls troubled with malaria very severely, and that since he gave her Sulphur Bitters, he never thinks of leaving New York for his summer resort. "About a few bottles, for they always cure his family, and are far superior to quinine."

Does Advertising Pay?

"Once when I was publishing a paper in Seattle I convinced a man in a most emphatic way that it paid to advertise," said an old journalist. "He was a fairly prosperous merchant and I had tried for a long time to get him to insert an advertisement in my paper."

"Oh, it's no use," he would say. "I never read the advertisements in a paper and no one else does. I believe in advertising, but in a way that will force itself upon the public. Then it pays. But in a newspaper—pshaw. Everybody who reads a newspaper dodges the advertising pages as if they were poison."

"Well," said I, "if I can convince you that people do read the advertising pages of my paper will you advertise?"

"Of course I will. I advertise whenever I think it will do any good."

"The next day I had the following line stuck in the most obscure corner of the paper, between a couple of patent medicine advertisements:

"What is Cohen going to do about it?"

"The next day so many people annoyed him by asking him what that line meant that he begged me to explain the matter in my next issue. I promised to do so if he would let me write the explanation and stand to it. He agreed, and I wrote: 'He is going to advertise, of course.' And he did."

—Collie's Weekly.

Coughed 25 Years.

I suffered for 25 years with a cough and spent hundreds of dollars with doctors and for medicine to no avail until I used Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. This remedy makes weak lungs strong. It has saved my life.—J. B. Rosell, Grantsburg, Ill.

Warning to Piano Owners.

There has been some person or persons working in the various towns claiming to be piano tuners and representing our house. We wish to say that we have only one piano tuner in Southeast Missouri. Mr. Geo. M. Garvin will be at the St. Charles Hotel for a few days and any work entrusted to him will be properly done and fully guaranteed by us. SHATTINGER PIANO AND MUSIC CO., 1114 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

All Colds are Tainted.

All colds are tainted with Grip when Grip prevails. "77" breaks up Grip and Colds that "hang on;" 25c all druggists.